

## Southern California Bluebird Club Meeting

### NOTES of the Meeting

August 2, 2014

**Bob Franz** opened the meeting at 9:00. Dick Purvis introduced Jerry Miller. He has taken over the whole Cerritos Trail of 30 boxes. **Kappy Hurst** introduced her husband Fred. **Bob Keally** introduced **James Ritchie** (Eagle Scout) and his parents.

**Danette Davis** presented the Treasurer's report for **JoAnn Collier**.

SCBC report: Income: OC Fair Donations: \$880.00/ OC Fair Merchandise: \$125.00/ Misc Donations: \$60.00/ Expenses: OC Fair Insurance: \$135.00/ Speaker fee \$100.00/ Net Balance: \$6456.14

CCI Report: Income: Wildlife Sign donations: \$50.00/ Honoraria \$100.00/ Expenses: Teaching Materials \$296.29/ Net Balance: \$7323.69.

No presentations were presented in the month of July.

**Gillian Martin's** report for CCI: Gillian's report on the CCI to SCBC for the month of July 2014

Gillian hiked Mount San Jacinto State Park with Ken Keitzer, the supervising ranger of CA State Parks in the Inland Empire. They reviewed the inventory of snags in the park, studied the forest regeneration after last year's fire in Idyllwild and talked about the State Park policies regarding snag management. This was an informative meeting for both.

Gillian met with Jacky Codero the policy writer for OC Parks. They discussed how the new snag management policy should be written and the many supplemental materials that would be included with it. Also attending this meeting was the new Supervising Ranger of Craig, Clarke and Tri-City Parks. He seemed very supportive of establishing a snag demonstration habitat in Craig Park. A particular location and preliminary plan has been suggested for this. Consultation with the County's biologist must first be obtained to ensure that the plan will not conflict with standards set by Fish and Game for the intended section of land.

Gillian attended a meeting with Stacy Blackwood the new Director of OC Parks. This meeting was hosted by Friends of Harbors Beaches and Parks and was designed to offer a myriad of conservation organizations and special interests groups to present questions or concerns to Stacy. Gillian found it very educational and she was particularly pleased to know that Stacy was aware of the snag management policy change which OC Parks has agreed to support.

Thanks to a referral from **Jim Semelroth**, the CCI now has a song writer and composer for the youth program. Gillian has been working with songwriter and musician, Gary Livesey, to write a song. The outcome is simply delightful. When we have a recording of it, club members will have an opportunity to hear the song.

Gillian received the new Wildlife Tree Warden patches for the youth program. She passed around a sample at the meeting.

Gillian has written a short article for the newsletter of Sea and Sage Audubon to advertise the free teacher's loaner kit which she has developed. She also wrote a description of the kit for the Chapter's website so teachers could know what the kit contained.

Gillian delivered a program at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center in Pasadena on July 26. About 40 attended among which were several members of Pasadena Audubon including its President who told her that he would report to their Board of Directors that their grant funds were being well spent and to encourage them to support the CCI again in the coming year.

Requests for the wildlife tree signs have been received from three states.

**Bob Franz** reminded everyone that Year-End Totals will be due soon. If you have not already received an email from Dick Blaine ask him to send you the link by return email: dick@theblaines.net. Although the database will remain open for a few months, consider entering your data now while it is fresh in your mind. **Joe Chandler**, has a trail in Mason Park in Irvine. He had an increase of 45 fledglings this year and he believes it is because he convinced the ranger to not put Roundup down at the base of the trees during the breeding season.

**Sue Bulger** told us about the Minnesota Vikings and their new stadium that is being built. It has glass equal to the length of 4 football fields. David Yarnold, President and CEO of the National Audubon Society is urging all bird lovers to go to the site listed to let the Vikings and Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority know that they need to protect the migrating birds by putting in bird safe glass. [http://www.audubonaction.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=1717&s\\_src=JUL14\\_ATD2](http://www.audubonaction.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=1717&s_src=JUL14_ATD2)

**Jim Semelroth** updated us on a strap-lifter and its cost. Bill Jones makes an aluminum strap lifter and will sell them to us for \$17.00. It was suggested we get some to have a variety of types of lifters.

**Sue Bulger** brought info about Mark Gonzalas, a student at Saddleback College. He has launched a study of mapping the number of crows in Orange County. He needs the public's help by counting the crows in their area. The info they would like is how many crows, where, when, where headed, address or cross streets or coordinates. OC Crow watch on facebook.com, biocrowpeople@gmail.com.

**James Ritchy**, an Eagle Scout, brought the 50 bluebird boxes that he made for his Eagle Scout project. Anyone who needed more boxes was invited to take some. Check to make sure the hole is 1 ½". If too small a half-round rasp will enlarge it.

Presentation: Monarch Waystations by Monika Moore. She has written a book – Monarch Garden Adventures. It contains many photos she has taken in her garden. She is involved in a tagging program through Cal Poly San Luis Obispo that tracks migration patterns of the Monarch Butterfly. She had a table set up with a chrysalis that opened up with a new monarch butterfly during our meeting. She had examples of plants and different stages of the butterfly.

Additional information on monarch conservation can be found at [www.monarchjointventure.org](http://www.monarchjointventure.org) or you can go to [www.MonarchWatch.org](http://www.MonarchWatch.org)

To start with Monika said it was important to have the host plants and nectar plants. The host plants will get the butterfly to your yard and provide for the larvae and energy sources for adults, ex: Virginia Silk milkweed, Woolly Pad milkweed. The nectar plants will feed the butterflies, ex: sunflowers, Painted Lady, and Asters.

Respectfully submitted by,

**Danette Davis**